

THE OLD CONSTITUTION.

To Be Forever Kept as a National Naval Museum.

Commodore Farragut's Flagship, the Hartford, Is Also to Be Permanently Maintained—Relic of the Kearsarge.

[Special Washington Letter.]

"There is nothing in all my work of which I am more proud," said the secretary of the navy the other morning, "than the accomplishment of the reclamation of the old battleship Hartford. Congress is often very prodigal in allowing large appropriations for claims, but congress is not primarily patriotic or sentimental. It was very difficult to secure an appropriation, but, by constant urging, it was accomplished. And now Commodore Farragut's flagship will be permanently maintained in the navy."

"Do you know that a relic of heroism incites patriotism?" The young men who see the Hartford in future years, and who read her splendid naval career, will be stimulated to honor the flag which floats over her, and have an ambition to do as well for their country as did the heroes who trod her decks and served her guns. They will read of the old commodore lashed to the mast and handling his fleet in the smoke and carnage of battle; and particularly our young midshipmen will have before them constantly the memory of the commodore, with a stimulated ambition to fight as he fought, if ever in command of a battle ship in time of war.

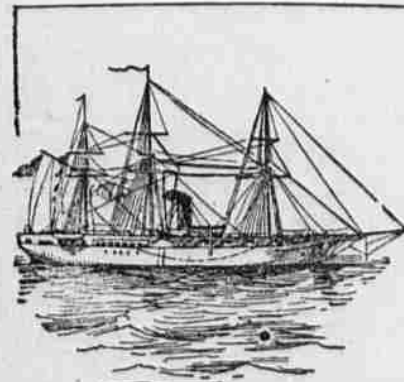
"Yes, I am glad that the Hartford is preserved; but I am not satisfied with the progress made towards a restoration and reclamation of the Constitution. That splendid relic of American prowess should be preserved. Although I have constantly asked congress to make appropriation for that purpose, I have failed to receive a dollar, up to date."

Secretary Herbert is not alone in his desire to have the Constitution repaired. Congressman Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, has secured the adoption of a resolution calling upon the secretary of the navy for an estimate of the amount of money which will be necessary to move the Constitution from Portsmouth to the Washington navy yard, where it is contemplated that the ship shall be forever kept as a naval museum. In support of his resolution, Mr. Fitzgerald made a speech in the house of representatives. He said:

"In connection with the resolution I present a petition of the Massachusetts Historical society that congress may take some action in regard to the preservation of the frigate Constitution, which now lies at the Portsmouth navy yard, and is in such a condition as to be in danger of sinking at any time."

"As every member of this house knows, there is no vessel in the American navy that possesses the history and the record that the Constitution possesses. It is my proud privilege to represent in congress the district in which is located the wharf where this famous old frigate was built and launched. In grateful memory of her untarnished record it has been called Constitution wharf. As a boy I have the pleasantest recollections of the happy days spent at the wharf where the Constitution was built over a century ago, and when I stand here pleading for the preservation of Old Ironsides my deepest sympathies are moved. The achievements of the heroic sons of Massachusetts with her have produced within my breast, as they must within the breast of every American citizen, feelings of deepest reverence for the historic ship."

"Why should it be necessary to call the attention of the government to its duty with regard to the preservation



FARRAGUT'S FLAGSHIP HARTFORD.

of the Constitution, whose great victory in the naval engagement with the Guerriere in the dark days of the war of 1812 brought hope and encouragement to our people and placed the United States among the first-class powers of the world?

"Why this shame of neglect toward a historic relic that typifies the heroism of our fathers and is an inspiration to succeeding generations?"

"Nelson's flagship, Victory, is carefully perpetuated by Great Britain, and in such great reverence is she held that Englishmen respectfully remove their hats whenever they pass. Who shall say that the dear old Constitution, with her unbroken line of victories, unparalleled in the history of the world, is not worthy of like respect from a grateful republic?"

"In 1829, when the destruction of the Constitution was ordered, the stirring lyric poem of Oliver Wendell Holmes saved her from what would have been a disgrace to our country, and I think it proper that those inspiring words should be recalled at this time, when, through neglect, a like fate seems to be in store for her:

OLD IRONSIDES.
Tear her tattered ensign down
Long has it waved on high,
And many an eye has danced to see
That banner in the sky.
Beneath it rang the battle shout,
And burst the cannon's roar;
The meteor of the ocean air
Shall sweep the clouds no more!

Her deck, once red with heroes' blood,
Where knelt the vanquished foe,
When winds were hurrying o'er the flood,
And waves were white below,
No more shall feel the victor's tread,
Or know the conquered knee;
The harp of the shore shall pluck
The eagle of the sea!

Oh, better that her shattered hulk
Should sink beneath the wave;
Her thunders shook the mighty deep,
And there should be her grave;
Nail to the mast her holy flag,
Set every threadbare sail,
And give her to the god of storms,
The lightning and the gale!

"Massachusetts asks that this grand old ship be perpetuated, and she relinquishes her claim to have her placed in the waters of the state, near where she was built and manned, that she may be placed in Washington, here to serve as a national monument of the triumphs of the American seamen during the war of 1812. Such has ever been the true, chivalrous spirit of Massachusetts."

"Through the care and labor of her own historical society she preserves the revered relics of the revolutionary times and of her illustrious sons; and she feels that she has the right to insist that the national government shall no longer be unmindful of its duty to the flower of the American navy, the Constitution."

At the conclusion of the congressman's speech he was given an ovation of applause such as seldom is given to the most gifted of orators. The resolution



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was passed without objection, and in a short time the old frigate which bore our banner aloft with honor and glory will be properly cared for. Meeting the congressman on the evening of the delivery of his speech, and congratulating him on the success of his effort, he said: "I am no orator. I never made a good speech in my life. I was gratified by the passage of this resolution, but the applause did not turn my head. The representatives of the people of this country were not applauding me. They were patriotically applauding the staunch old frigate of which I spoke, and for whose preservation I was pleading. They were also applauding the grand poet and his poem. Had it not been for the lines of Holmes, the Constitution would have been torn to pieces as an old hulk, worn out, and no longer useful."

The gentleman is modest and sincere. Nevertheless, his speech was delivered with the eloquence of fervid earnestness. He is not an orator, but he is wise enough to know it. But his speech ought to pass into history with the splendid poem which he quoted. Oliver Wendell Holmes prevented the destruction of the Constitution. Congressmen Fitzgerald secured the appropriation which will result in her permanent preservation.

It is a pity that the Kearsarge could not have been preserved. She was lost by careless seamanship on a reef in the Atlantic ocean. The gallant cruiser ought not to have been on duty. She should have been kept in the Washington navy yard forever. But our statesmen are shortsighted. The republic is young. Our people have not become accustomed to making sacred history for the future. They make history for the present, and fortunately it is intended to be patriotic history, and will read well through all generations; but they are reckless of the nice little details which go to make beautiful the history of nations."

"But we have a relic of the Kearsarge which will be preserved carefully for all time. It is the oak rudder post of the historic cruiser. In the museum at the navy yard the rudder post stands. Imbedded in it is a conical shell which came near destroying the ship. It was fired from a rifle on the confederate cruiser Alabama. But it did not explode. An explosion would have resulted in the sinking of the Kearsarge, and the escape of the Alabama. The shell was found there after the celebrated engagement. A skillful gunner, risking his life, and of course risking the safety of the vessel, sat astride the rudder post and drilled a hole into the shell until he came to the powder. Then he poured in water and saturated the explosive. After that, he drilled off one end of the dangerous missile and took out of it the explosive materials. The rudder post was then mended and strengthened with steel bands, and the Kearsarge sailed away after other confederate privateers. Finally, the rudder post was taken out and a new one put in its place. The old rudder post, with its shell inclosed, is at the navy yard; and it is all that remains of the famous ship."

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Rumor Verified.
First Girl—I am told that Charley behaved in a very chilly manner toward you last week when you went skating together.

Second Girl—Yes. He fell through an air hole, and when he came out he was covered with icicles.—Detroit Free Press.

An Irresistible Appeal.
In an advertisement for a young gentleman who left his parents, it was stated that "if Master Jackey will return to his disconsolate parents, he shall be allowed to sweeten his own tea."—Tit-Bits.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

The Day Appropriately Celebrated Throughout the Country.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Commencing in the morning pacings of patriotism mingled with inspiring eloquence of the orator, whose theme was his country and its deliverer, went up from Chicago in honor of the memory of Washington.

A great lawyer from New York, jurists from our own tribunals, aspiring young collegians from all parts of the land, clergymen and laymen, all lent their aid to make this anniversary of the birth of the Father of His Country the most memorable of his country's history. Frederick R. Coudert, whose history is part of the history of the nation, was brought here by the Union League club to celebrate the day by a speech on "War and Arbitration." The same organization brought together a small army of collegiate orators to scatter among the schools of the city that the pupils might listen to the recounting of the deeds of Washington, his private life



and his character, and have sown in their minds the seeds of patriotism and national honor.

The Union League club concluded the Washington birthday celebration at a banquet in the tower room of the clubhouse at night. About 200 guests and members were present. The toasts and speakers were as follows: "The Orator of the Day," Hon. Fredrie R. Coudert; "Influence of Character," James R. Garfield, of Cleveland, O.; "The Men Who Will Rule," Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, of Chelsea, Mass. Col. Henry L. Turner, commanding the First regiment, Illinois national guard, sternly denounced the attitude of the federal government towards Cuba, declaring that national honor had been supplanted by national greed and commercial expediency.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 23.—The feature of the celebration of Washington's birthday in this city was the banquet of the Michigan club, which was held at the Auditorium Monday evening. About 800 members and friends sat at the tables, and the galleries were filled with spectators. Among the distinguished guests and speakers were Hon. Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania; Congressmen James A. Walker, of Virginia, and A. J. Hopkins, of Illinois; Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston; John A. Logan, Jr., of Washington; G. J. Corey, of Chicago, and Judge Albion W. Turgeon, of New York. Gen. Alger was toastmaster.

New York, Feb. 23.—The one hundred and sixty-fifth anniversary of Washington's birth was generally observed. The national colors fly from all the public buildings and many private residences. According to custom the stars and stripes were raised both at Battery Park and the Old Block Fort in Central park at sunrise by descendants of the revolutionary soldiers. Banquets and other events were held at night in honor of Washington's birthday.

Boston, Feb. 23.—Washington's birthday was generally observed. There was a usual ringing of bells, salutes and flag display. A feature in the programme was the governor's reception at the state house. The annual celebration of the young people of the Boston Sunday schools was held at the Old South meeting house. President Gates, of Amherst college, delivered the address. There were a number of special meetings, reunions and entertainments, arranged especially for the day.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 23.—Washington's birthday was fittingly celebrated here by all classes, from the state ceremonial of commemoration day at the Johns Hopkins university down to the fantastic festival of the children of the Germania mannerchor, who danced in honor of "Washington's Gaburstag."

A CLOSE CALL.

Lake Tunnel at Chicago Caves In—Workmen Narrowly Escape.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Thirty workmen narrowly escaped death in the thirty-eighth street water tunnel Monday afternoon by the caving in of the shell almost midway between the intermediate and outer cribs, two miles distant from each other. Within a few minutes the tunnel was filled with water, but the workmen all reached the shaft in time and were saved. The inrush of water at a time when the work was almost completed will result in immense loss to the contractors, who had already experienced a great deal of trouble in the undertaking. It is feared that the cave may necessitate the building of a new tunnel between the cribs, although Assistant City Engineer Wilcox, who was at the scene soon after the disaster, said he believed the matter could be remedied by air pressure. At any rate the delay will be great. The burst was the result of an explosion of gas in the tunnel two weeks ago, when two of the workmen were seriously burned. Ross, McKen & Ross are the contractors and will suffer the loss.

Archbishop Grace Dead.
St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 23.—Most Rev. Thomas L. Grace, formerly bishop of St. Paul and latterly titular archbishop of Siniia, died at eight o'clock in the morning at the age of 83. He became a victim to bronchitis about six weeks ago, and sank gradually and painlessly till, attended by the clergy of the city, he passed away. The funeral will take place Thursday from the Cathedral St. Paul.

Died of His Injuries.
Akron, O., Feb. 23.—Ex-Judge R. W. Sadler, aged 41, died of injuries received in a runaway. His skull was fractured.

HANNA GETS IT.

Famous Ohioan Is to Be Made United States Senator.

Gov. Bushnell Makes an Official Announcement—The Latest Gossip Concerning the McKinley Cabinet.

Columbus, O., Feb. 23.—Gov. Bushnell furnished the following statement Sunday evening: "It had been my intention to make no announcement in relation to the action I would take in the matter of an appointment to fill the prospective vacancy in the Ohio representation in the United States senate until the vacancy actually existed. But on account of the manifest interest of the people and their desire to know what will be done, I deem it best now to make the following statement: When Senator Sherman resigns to enter the cabinet of President McKinley, I will appoint to succeed him Hon. Marcus A. Hanna, of Cuyahoga county, to serve until his successor is chosen by the Seventy-third general assembly of the state. I trust this action will meet with the approval of the people."

Gov. Bushnell said that he would be a candidate for the nomination for governor before the republican state convention this year and for that alone. He would not be a candidate for election to the senate by the legislature now; probably never would be. The governor said he had not reached the determination to appoint Mr. Hanna suddenly. It had been in his mind for



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several weeks, but it was his idea that he ought not to publicly announce his intention until the vacancy existed.

Gov. Bushnell scouted the idea that he had been induced to appoint Chairman Hanna by the fact that George B. Cox, of Cincinnati, had declared for him. Gov. Bushnell said he considered what the distinguished services of Mr. Hanna to the party were, and the standing of Senator Sherman in the party—the latter having asked that Mr. Hanna be appointed to succeed him, made it incumbent upon him to bestow this honor as he had determined to do.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 23.—Mark Hanna was shown the dispatch from Columbus announcing that Gov. Bushnell has finally yielded to the pressure and will appoint him United States senator to fill Senator Sherman's unexpired term. Though happy and realizing that the victory had been won, the national chairman refused absolutely to discuss the matter. He said he had not received any official notice from Gov. Bushnell.

FATAL SNOW SLIDES.

Two Deaths Caused by Avalanches in Colorado.

Denver, Col., Feb. 23.—Snowslides wrought more damage Saturday than on Friday. At least two lives were lost and considerable property has been damaged. Mail Carrier J. E. Bell, who was supposed to be dead, has saved himself and about the only damage apparent, excepting his very weak condition, are a few frozen toes. Bell was caught in a slide under about 25 feet of snow. Rescuing parties took off 15 feet directly above him, and then gave him up for dead. He lay unconscious until about eight o'clock Saturday morning. When his senses returned he heard water trickling. This water had brought him air and saved his life. He dug to the stream and then to the surface. Then he walked three miles to the nearest house and fell unconscious as soon as he realized he was saved. He will recover. James Petty was carried over a precipice with a pack train, most of the burros being killed, and himself only slightly injured. A snowslide caught the cabin of the Cleopatra mine, near Pitkin, killing Martin Mertley and injuring his three partners. Mertley's relatives live in Pennsylvania. At Ophir, Col., a snowslide demolished the railroad station and 12 freight cars. The station agent and his wife were in the building at dinner. Timbers fell in just such shape that the man was not slightly injured and his wife did not receive a single bruise. About as rapidly as the roads have been opened they have been closed by more slides.

Sound Money Conference.

New York, Feb. 22.—A conference of the National Sound Money league will be held in the rooms of the chamber of commerce in this city Wednesday, February 24, and will be attended by delegates from a number of cities. There are now 21 cities represented in the organization and each is entitled to two delegates. The business of the conference will be to adopt a constitution and by-laws for the league and to elect officers and an executive committee to serve until April 1, 1898.

Will Resume Work.

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 23.—Notices were posted at the Johnstown works Saturday morning announcing that the switch works which have been closed down since Saturday, February 13, will resume operations next Wednesday morning and the men have been ordered to report for duty at that time. Over 1,000 men will be affected.

Choked to Death.

Marinette, Wis., Feb. 23.—Joe Mathison got several beans into his windpipe. They worked their way to the bronchial tubes and caused such inflammation that he died.

CRETAN AFFAIRS.

It Is Reported That Over 27,000 Moslems Have Been Slain.

London, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to the Central News from Constantinople says that official reports from Crete say that the total number of Moslems, men, women and children, who have been killed during the present troubles in that island, is over 27,000 and that 25 Moslem villages have been pillaged and burned.

Canea, Feb. 23.—The British, Italian and Russian consuls, who recently went to Selino to inquire into the situation there, returned Monday, bringing with them 170 Mussulmans who feared to remain in the town. The consuls state that they were unable to negotiate with the combatants, who were resolved to fight to the end. Both sides, Moslems and Christians, refused to be hampered with prisoners, and therefore massacred all their enemies who fell into their hands. Two thousand civilians and 250 Turkish troops with three guns are still holding Salino against the Christians, but their position is critical.

The consuls proceeded to Canado on board ship. The Christians there, although advised of their arrival, fired on the consuls, in spite of the white flag of truce which they carried. The consuls returned to Selino, where the Christians occupied fresh positions. Here, also, the consuls were fired upon, the shots falling around the ship.

The insurgents have rehoisted their flag at Halepa, but they have not fired on the Turks, who have planted a flag 1,500 yards from the insurgent position.

London, Feb. 23.—The Athens correspondent of the Chronicle telegraphs that Greece will instantly declare war if the Turk troops give provocation. He adds that it would be impossible to exaggerate the intensity of national feeling. Greece cannot and will not draw back. If she did there would be neither a crown or a government in 24 hours. The correspondent admits that the opposition in the Greek parliament is partly answerable for the warlike demonstrations.

London, Feb. 23.—Amid the cries of shame it was admitted by Salisbury's representative in the house of commons Monday night that the British fleet had, under virtual instructions from the British government, bombarded the Christian force which is seeking to throw off the dominion of Turkey in Crete. Undersecretary Curzon hastened to add apologetically that the report that any shots had been fired at the Greeks was a base falsehood.

Paris, Feb. 23.—The Gaulois says that the powers have decided to intrust to Italy the authority to pacify and administer the affairs of the island of Crete, pending the establishment of constitutional autonomy for the island.

London, Feb. 23.—The Greek charge d'affaires here gives out the statement that no regular Greek troops took part in the attack made upon Canea Sunday. The Greek troops, in obedience to orders, he says, abstained, and will continue to abstain, from all hostilities toward foreigners in Crete.

Athens, Feb. 23.—The indignation caused by the bombardment of the insurgent position near Canea by the foreign war ships has increased, and the action of the powers is denounced on every hand as a gross outrage and a wanton disregard of the rights of Greece. A very largely attended indignation meeting was held Monday at which strong protests were made against the interference of the powers, who, it was declared, were pitting their might against Greek right. The speakers vehemently asserted that the country was now more firmly resolved than ever to spend its blood and treasure for Crete.

The audience was carried away by the warlike words of the speakers, who were frequently interrupted by cries for war. There is no denying the fact that the whole Hellenic people are in a temper which would make war welcome even against overwhelming odds.

TO SAVE BIG FORESTS.

Important Proclamation Issued by the President.

Washington, Feb. 23.—President Cleveland celebrated the one hundred and sixty-fifth anniversary of the birth of George Washington by issuing 13 executive orders, far reaching in their effect. On the recommendation of Secretary Francis and a forestry commission (appointed by Prof. Wolcott Gibbs, the president of the academy), the president signed and promulgated 13 proclamations establishing as many additional forest reservations, containing an aggregate area of 21,379,840 acres. Secretary Francis will submit to congress a bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to indemnify the beneficiaries of any of these railroad land grants included within the limits of forest reservations established by proclamation of the president, by patenting to them an equal quantity of other portions of the public domain within specified limits.

Why the Pool Collapsed.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 23.—It is stated here that the principal reason for the collapse of the steel rail pool was the fact that the plants in operation were paying out \$1,000,000 annually to the idle mills in the pool. Figuring out that the shutting down of mills to restrict tonnage was very expensive, one or two of the larger companies came to the conclusion that it would be probably cheaper to have a wide open field at the best prices obtainable.

Coreoran Art Gallery Opened.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The new and magnificent Coreoran art gallery at the corner of Seventeenth street and New York avenue, N. W., was thrown open to the public Monday night. No formalities were observed in the opening other than the issuance of 3,000 invitations to people prominent in the scientific, social and political circles of the capital. The Marine band made music in the spacious lobby during the evening.

Choked to Death.

Dubuque, Ia., Feb. 23.—Lorenz Haber choked to death while eating beefsteak at the family table.

LIVES ARE LOST.

Disastrous Results of Floods in Several States.

Several Persons Drowned in Kentucky—Rapid Rise in Rivers Cause Much Damage—Railway Traffic Impeded.

Sparta, Ky., Feb. 23.—Charles Holton, the 19-year-old son of J. W. Holton, of this county, was drowned in the floods following the terrific rains of the last two days. Others are reported missing, and more than 25 families were compelled to flee from their houses by the rising waters of Eagle creek. Young Holton attempted to cross the creek on his way from a call on a young lady. The water is eight feet deep in the houses along the creek, and the loss in cattle and hogs has been great.

Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 23.—Hundreds of families are moving out of the lowlands in the Guyan, Twelve Pole and Big Sandy valleys. The loss of property has already reached alarming proportions from flood and rain continues general along these streams. Some lives are reported lost in Tigriver valley and much live stock drowned. Landslides are reported along the Norfolk & Western railroad, and business is temporarily suspended.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 23.—Streams in Kentucky are clear out of their banks and doing unmeasurable damage. Four men were drowned in eastern Kentucky and one man in Butler county. Much stock has been lost, fencing been swept away and other property almost ruined. The streams all through the mountains are higher than for years, and the greatest damage is feared.

At Middleboro Sunday night a cloudburst deluged the locality, drowning James Charwell and family. Charwell and his wife and four children, while en route home from a neighbor's in a wagon, were caught in the cloudburst and all drowned.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 23.—Thirty-six hours of steady rain has caused nearly every stream in the state to overflow its banks and sweep away live stock and fences. Kentucky river is carrying off thousands of logs. Immense damage is reported from Harlan, Perry, Leslie and Letcher counties. At Pineville the Cumberland river has reached the doors of the courthouse. At Frankfort 20 houses are under water and the gas works threatened. The lower portion of Catlettsburg is under water. At Richmond the reservoir of the water works overflowed and drove 100 people from their homes.

Cincinnati, Feb. 23.—Shortly after three o'clock Monday afternoon the Ohio river reached the danger line, 45 feet. At nine o'clock p. m. the stage was 47 feet 4 inches, a rise of nearly six inches in an hour. That has been the average per hour since six a. m. Residents of the streets next the river are moving out. Front street merchants have removed nearly all the tobacco from the immense warehouses of that vicinity. Goods have already been taken out of cellars at that point. The Licking and both Miami rivers and Mill, Duck and Crawfish creeks are still rising rapidly.

The greatest fear of a destructive river is in the remarkable rises in the southern tributary streams, particularly the Kanawha, New and Big Sandy rivers. All the streams in the region of Huntington, W. Va., are still overflowing. From the Guyan river 100,000 logs have been swept into the Ohio. Eight inches an hour is still the rise there.

Commodore Lee H. Kreck, the well-known steamboat owner, said that in an experience of 30 years on the river he had never known as rapid a rise as that of the last 24 hours—over 18 feet. He thinks the river may reach 55 feet. Fifty-eight feet, he says, will cause great damage here. The rain has stopped and it is growing colder, favorable changes.

Columbus, O., Feb. 23.—Rains which have fallen heavily all over Ohio in the last four days have caused floods in all the river valleys, with loss to railway property and serious interruption to train service on lines centering here. The most serious washouts are reported on the Norfolk & Western, the C. & M. V. B. & O. Southwestern and the C. & M. V. B. & O. Southwestern branch of the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo.

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH.

Deadly Work of a Fierce Fire at Hannibal, Mo.

Hannibal, Mo., Feb. 23.—Four persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the dry-goods store of M. M. Marks, No. 204 North Main street, this place, at three o'clock in the morning. The rooms above the store were occupied by the Marks family and a number of lodgers. The fire originated from some hot coals placed in an ash barrel in the hallway on the second floor. The flames had gained considerable headway when discovered and the occupants of the rooms on the second and third floors made a wild rush for safety. Those who escaped were obliged to leave behind all wearing apparel and personal effects. In the ruins were found the frightfully burned bodies of Proprietor Marks and his two young sons, Irvin and Harold; and that of William Reed, a barkeeper, who roomed on the second floor. Reed lost his life by returning for his clothing after he had made a successful escape from the building. The loss to the building and stock is estimated at \$10,000. This is covered by insurance.

Opening of Baseball Season.

Washington, Feb. 23.—President Young, of the National league, has completed the baseball schedule for the coming season, and it will be submitted to the meeting at Baltimore on Thursday next. The first game will be played at Boston on April 19, which is a local holiday and has been for many years the opening of the baseball season at Boston. This game will be played with the club scheduled to play the first three games, and when that particular club goes to Boston on its regular trip but two games will be played instead of three.